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**VIA U.S. FIRST CLASS MAIL**

Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 03/31/2005  
For: "Double Locking Mortise Joint"  
Inventor: Alex P. Weaver  
Serial No.: 09/997,494  
Filing Date: 11/19/2001  
Examiner: Garcia, Ernesto  
Art Unit: 3679  
Confirmation No.: 5181  
Attorney Docket No.: WEAVER.PT1

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed the following:

- 1) an amendment in response to the Office Action dated 03/31/2005 for the above-mentioned patent application (17 sheets) – (Submission under 37 CFR 1.114); and
- 2) a return receipt postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required payment of the fees during the pendency of this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501037.

Sincerely,  
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Office Action dated 03/31/2005, hereinafter, "the Office Action." The response is due on April 30, 2005 which falls on a Saturday, which makes the present response due on the following business day, which is Monday, May 2, 2005.

Please amend the above-identified Application as set forth below. The Application as amended is believed by Applicant to be in proper condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.